

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on May 18, 2005, the Examiner restricted claims 1-41 to Group I, as being drawn to a semiconductor device, and restricted claims 42-46 to Group II, as being drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device. Applicants hereby elect Group I for further consideration. Accordingly, claims 42-46 have been canceled.

Additionally, the Examiner stated that if Group I was elected, a further election among patentably distinct species must be elected. Specifically, the Examiner identified the following patentably distinct species:

Species I.	Figure 1, drawn to a first embodiment.
Species II.	Figure 3, drawn to a second embodiment.
Species III.	Figure 4, drawn to a third embodiment.
Species IV.	Figure 5, drawn to a first composite substrate.
Species V.	Figure 6, drawn to a second composite substrate.
Species VI.	Figure 7, drawn to a forth embodiment. Note: Fig. 7 was not listed in paragraph 17.

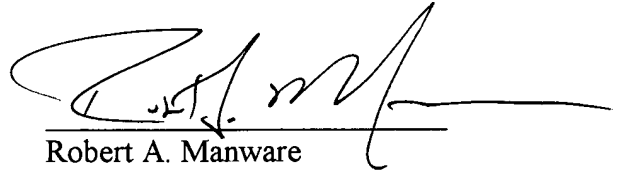
Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is generic to Species I, II and III. Specifically, independent claim 1 recites, in part, "a superstrate coupled to the sealant and disposed proximate to the organic device." Independent claim 11 includes the same limitations as independent claim 1, but further defines the superstrate as comprising "a periphery adapted to wrap around edges of the package such that the periphery of the superstrate is coupled to a side of the flexible substrate opposite the organic electronic device." Similarly, independent claim 22 includes each of the limitations of independent claim 1 and additionally recites "an edge seal coupled to each of the flexible substrate and the superstrate and configured to hermetically seal peripheral edges of the package." Because Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is generic to independent claims 11 and 22, Applicants hereby withdraw from consideration claims 11-33.

Applicants further submit that upon allowance of independent claim 1, claims 11-33 will also be allowable based on the allowability of generic claim 1. Applicants hereby cancel claims 34-41 of Group I for possible inclusion in a divisional application.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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